



AP 2735 Board Member Travel

Reference:

Education Code Section 72423
Government Code Section 11139.8

1. The amount of travel monies and the manner in which these funds will be expended will be determined by the Board prior to the adoption of the final budget.
2. Each member will submit a travel plan for the year (excluding lobbying).
3. No member may use District funds to travel to any state that, after June 26, 2015, has eliminated protections against discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression. No member may use district funds to travel to any state that has enacted a law that authorizes or requires discrimination against same-sex couples or their family or on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression, subject to the following exceptions:
 - a. Related to litigation to which the District is a party;
 - b. To meet contractual obligations incurred before January 1, 2017.
 - c. To comply with requests by the federal government to appear before committees.
 - d. To participate in meetings or training required by a grant or required to maintain grant funding.
 - e. To complete job-required training necessary to maintain licensure or similar standards required for holding a position, in the event that comparable training cannot be obtained in California or a different state not affected by this paragraph.
 - f. For the protection of public health, welfare, or safety, as determined by the Board.
4. All Board member requests will be considered when the Board Travel Budget is established at the time of the tentative budget review.
5. No further approval, other than on the agenda as a travel authorization, will be necessary as long as the travel is within the budget limitations.
6. When a Board member wishes to travel on authorized District business, the Board member must submit a completed Request for Travel Authorization form (copy attached) to the Chief Executive Officer of the District for signature prior to initiating the trip in order to ensure coverage by insurance.

7. When a deposit is required as a part of the process of reserving facilities for the Board member traveling on authorized District business, the amount of that deposit may be paid by the District in advance of the meeting.
8. When a Board member is traveling on authorized District business, the District will advance funds requested for such travel on the Request for Travel Authorization form if the travel request is accompanied by a "Request for Advance Funds" form.
9. If a Board member needs airline or hotel reservations made, he/she should contact the Office of the Chief Executive Officer of the District. The Chief Executive Officer of the District's staff will assist in making arrangements, if necessary.
10. When a Board member desires to drive his/her own car, payment for mileage will be allowed for the use of a privately owned automobile at the currently authorized rate.
11. Within 30 days of a Board member's return from authorized travel, he/she shall file a "Request for Reimbursement-Mileage and Expense" form through the office of the Chief Executive Officer of the District, itemizing actual and necessary expenses.
12. Failure to provide proof of actual expenses, normally in the form of credit card receipts, hotel receipts, restaurant receipts, etc. in the time allotted (30 days) will result in a moratorium on future travel and a forfeiture of the District credit card.
13. He/she shall be paid the actual and necessary expenses involved in the travel and shall, at the time of filing of the request, return to the District any money advanced which was not expended.
14. The Board will review its travel expenditures and reporting thereof.
15. In order to ensure that the Board's ability to monitor and manage its travel budget is enhanced, travel reimbursement forms should be completed in the manner described in paragraph 11.
16. When two claims are outstanding, additional travel will not be approved until past travel claims are reconciled.
17. Upon return from travel the Board members are encouraged to provide a written or oral report describing the content of the meeting attended to share with other Board members.

Board approved 2/10/21

Next review date spring, 2027